



## CITY OF LANSING

# GO GREEN! NEWSLETTER

### Recycle-Rama

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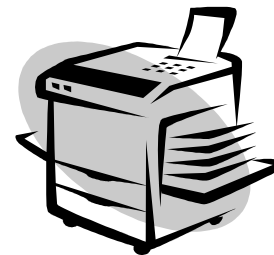
The area's largest ever recycling event will take place on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of the Ingham County Health Department on 5303 South Cedar Street in Lansing. Recycle-Rama will allow you to recycle items such as clothing, shoes, books, pharmaceuticals, electronics and more! Visit [LansingRecycles.com](http://LansingRecycles.com) for more info.

Here are a some of the items you can recycle for FREE:

- Telephones, cell phones, laptops
- Toasters, coffee makers, vacuum cleaners
- Bicycles, books (hard and soft cover) clothing
- Unwanted medicines
- Appliances and scrap metal
- Holiday Lights (BWL customers can exchange for 2 strings of led lights)

The following items can recycled for a fee:

- Stereo with speakers
- VCRs
- Large screen projector, monitors
- Personal and Large copy machines
- Microwaves
- Printers



Lansing Board of Water & Light customers who bring in a working, inefficient dehumidifier or room air-conditioner will receive a \$15 rebate as part of the BWL Hometown Energy Savers Program!

### Spotlight on O'Leary Paint



O'Leary Paint is a Michigan-based, fourth-generation, family-owned company which has been in the paint business for over 100 years. Today, O'Leary Paint manufactures a complete range of premium paints and coatings that are distributed exclusively through their company-owned stores in Michigan and Indiana. O'Leary Paint is "Going Green" by offering a full line of paint that does not contain any Volatile Organic Content (VOC)—which has been shown to contribute to air pollution and have harmful effects on human health. O'Leary Paint is also committed to purchasing renewable energy to power their business. They compliment this important effort by maximizing their energy efficiency through targeted reduction strategies and the use of passive solar design in their paint manufacturing facility. To further prevent pollution and reduce waste, O'Leary reuses leftover solvents from the paint manufacturing process, as well as oak shipping pallets. In addition, paint cans are packaged in re-usable cardboard trays rather than in fully enclosed boxes which significantly eliminates the use of cardboard. Another benefit of purchasing products from O'Leary is the fact that they are manufactured here in Lansing, therefore less fuel is being consumed for transportation and distribution. To see what else O'Leary Paint is doing for the environment contact O'Leary Paint @ (517) 487-2066 (Lansing location)

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## Upcycling Office Items

Before you recycle, upcycle! It means reusing or converting worn items for new purposes. It may help to create a Reuse Station in your office to encourage fellow employees to practice eco-friendly habits to prevent waste. Check out these [tips](#).

**Cardboard Boxes:** Most of us recycle these immediately, but we can further reduce our environmental impact by UPcycling them first. Take these home to make crafts with kids (mobiles and canvasses), lay on the garage floor to collect oil leaks and protect falling tools and most of all save these for repackaging and shipping.

**Business Cards:** Get rid of out-dated businesses cards. Reuse cards for book-marks, to-do/shopping lists, handy note cards when you're short on post-its and even create place cards by gluing two business cards together with the print facing inward.

**Clipboards:** Get creative with reusing clipboards at home or the office. Simply cover the clipboard with fabric, craft paper, left-over wallpaper, old maps or even ripped pages from books. Hang these for additional pieces on the wall. You can even add pictures, old photos or objects. Who knew upcycling could be stylish?

## Pollution Prevention Week September 20-26

The State of Michigan invites you to participate in the Pollution Prevention Week by incorporating activities in your daily life that reduce, reuse and recycle waste. P2 is a week dedicated to showcasing and sharing ideas by individuals, schools, communities and industries on how to prevent pollution. P2 not only protects the environment, but helps the local economy as well. For more information about how your business can prevent pollution, visit the P2 [website](#).

### Prevent Pollution at the Office!

Ways to prevent daily pollutants:

1. Use less paper for printing
2. Look for ENERGY STAR qualified products for the office
3. Use less energy for your commute; ride your bike or use transit options
4. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle; pack a waste free lunch to bring to the office by using containers and reusable bags.



## CLIMATE CORNER



Reduce your emissions impact by participating in the Clean Commute Challenge! Individuals and college campuses across the state will be participating by logging their "clean" commutes all week at [cata.org/CommuteChallenge](http://cata.org/CommuteChallenge) for the chance to win fantastic commuting prizes!

Each time you log your commute, you will be entered for a chance to win prizes including bus passes, pre-paid gas cards, BIGGBY Coffee gift certificates, prize packs, and more! All challenge participants may log every one-way commute they take, with no daily limit on the number of clean commutes one can log. (For example, your commute to work = 1 commute, and your commute back home = 1 commute. For a total of 2 commutes.) Individuals logging their commutes will also receive a BIGGBY Buy One, Get One (BOGO) coupon for each one-way commute that they log.

Check out more details on the Clean Commute [website](#)! You can also follow on Facebook and Twitter for more announcements regarding the Challenge! If you have any questions or concerns about the Challenge or our Clean Commute Challenge, please feel free to contact CATA at 517-393-RIDE or email at [cleancommute@cata.org](mailto:cleancommute@cata.org).